<u>REMARKS</u>

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on October 3, 2003, claims 1 to 16 are amended. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

1. Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-9 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Darin Duphorne (US Patent 6,212,285).

In response to the rejections, claims 1-9 are amended. The amended claims 1-9 are directed to invention not anticipate by Duphorne. Specifically, the amended claim 1 is directed to a method for processing an incoming e-mail comprising:

- a) receiving said incoming e-mail into a control Web site for extracting a code from an Internet-independent unique identifier transmitted from said incoming e-mail; and
- b) searching a database of said control Web site for using said code to link and execute a preloaded program for carrying out a function unrelated to said Internet-independent unique identifier.

In the amended claim 2:

said step b) of executing a preloaded program further comprising a step of executing an e-mail forwarding program for forwarding said incoming e-mail to a code-linked e-mail destination having an e-mail address unrelated to said Internet-independent unique identifier.

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The amended claims 1-9 as presented above are not anticipated by Duphorne because Duphorne use the phone number to send the e-mail to the telephone identified by the phone number. In the amended claims, the preloaded program now carries out function not directly related to the Internet-independent unique identifier, e.g., a telephone number. The amended claims would be novel and patentable over Duphorne.

2. Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §103

The Examiner rejects claims 10-16 under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over Duphorne in view of Paarsmarkt et al.

In response to the rejections, claims 10-16 are amended. The amended claim 1 are directed to a network system comprising:

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a unified access management center comprising a database for receiving and linking a network-independent preexisting-unique identifier to a preloaded program for performing a function not directly related to said network-independent preexisting-unique identifier.

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Since none of the cited prior art references having a preloaded program that performs a function not directly related to the net-work independent preexisting-unique identifier, the amend claims 10-16 would be novel and not obvious over Duphorne and Paarsmarkt and would therefore be allowable.

With the amended claims and the reasons provided above, the applicant hereby respectfully requests that Examiner's rejections under 35 35 USC § 102, and 35 USC § 103 be withdrawn and the present application be allowed.

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